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Labour Force Statistics ◆ May 2006

HIGHLIGHTS

All labour force statistics are seasonally adjusted, unless otherwise indicated

Unemployment rate edges up to 4.7% but remains among the lowest in the country

British Columbia's unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points in May, rising to 4.7%. The increase in the jobless rate came as labour force growth (+0.3%) continued while the number of jobs was unchanged from April. BC and Saskatchewan were the only regions where the jobless rate increased in May.

After recording the second-lowest unemployment rate in the country in April, BC's ranking slipped to third among the provinces. Both Alberta (3.4%) and Manitoba (4.2%) posted lower unemployment rates in May. However residents of BC and all three Prairie provinces continued to benefit from robust labour market conditions, with jobless rates that were well below the national average (6.1%) in May.

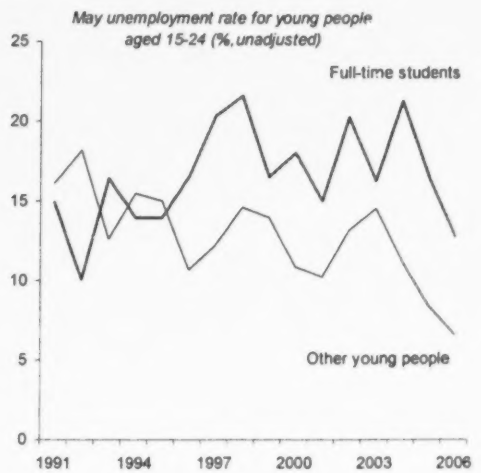
Job growth stalls in both goods and service sectors

In BC, job growth stalled in both the goods and service sectors, with employment virtually unchanged from the April level. Manufacturing, the biggest employer in the goods sector, increased the size of its workforce 0.3%, but construction, the other big employer on the goods side, cut back 1.9%, offsetting these gains. The number of people employed in forestry, fishing & mining rose 3.1% after dropping off 2.0% in the previous month.

In the service sector, most industries shed jobs, but there were two notable exceptions. The number of people working in health care & social assistance rose 5.9%, marking the second strong advance in three months. Employment remained volatile in the finance, insurance & real estate industry, bouncing up 2.2% after posting a similar decline in the previous month. The number of jobs in accommodation & food services inched up 0.2%, but other service sector industries posted declines.

Public sector employment climbed 0.9%, partly due to the big increase in the number of workers in health & related industries. Job growth in the private sector was much weaker (+0.2%), and self-employment continued to drop off (-1.4%). There were more full-time jobs (+0.2%) but the number of part-time workers (-0.5%) declined for a third straight month.

Students looking for summer jobs more likely to find work than in the past



Young people looking for work continued to face relatively favourable job market conditions. The unemployment rate for those aged 15-24 increased to 8.3%, but this is still well below levels seen in recent years. For those

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aged 25 and older, the jobless rate remained very low, at 4.0%. Overall, men aged fifteen and over were slightly less likely to be unemployed (4.6%) than were women (4.9%).

The jobless rate for students aged 15 to 24 was 12.8% (*unadjusted for seasonality*), nearly double the 6.6% rate for young people in this age group who were not going to school.

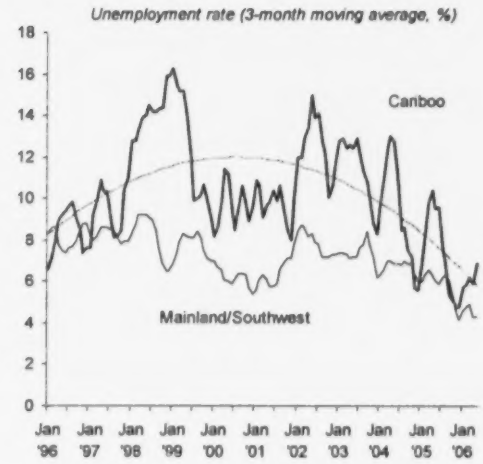
Jobless rates trending down in most regions despite declining employment

Employment continued to fall in three regions (Kootenay, North Coast/Nechako and Northeast), but the declines were accompanied by even bigger decreases in the regional labour force, suggesting that some migration may be occurring away from these areas to other parts of the province or to the rest of Canada.

Jobless rates ranged from 4.1% (*3-month moving average*) in Northeast[1] to 6.9% in Cariboo, where rates have traditionally been well above the average for the province. The incidence of unemployment in this region has been declining since the beginning of the decade, and is currently only slightly higher than in Mainland/Southwest, which usually has a lower-than-average unemployment rate. North Coast/Nechako and Kootenay, other regions where there tends to be a relatively high jobless rate, show a similar long-run decline in the incidence of unemployment.

[1] BC Stats estimate using data supplied by Statistics Canada

Jobless rate in Cariboo continues to trend down



Victoria's unemployment rate jumped to 5.5% in May, up from just 4.0% in the previous month. Abbotsford saw a similarly large jump (from 5.5% to 7.1%) in May, but Vancouver's rate edged up just 0.2 percentage points to 4.3%.

The Nation

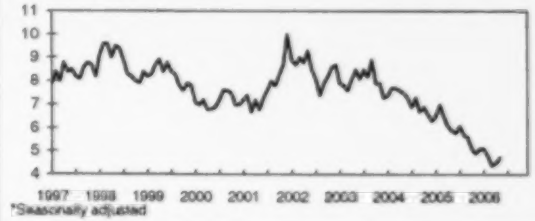
Canada's unemployment rate fell 0.3 percentage points, dropping to 6.1% in May as employment growth (+0.6%) outpaced the expansion of the labour force (+0.3%). Alberta saw the biggest increase in both employment (+1.7%) and the size of the labour force (+1.6%) last month.

Selected Statistics	May-06	Apr-06	May-05
BC Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	5.9
Canadian Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.4	6.9
BC Employment ('000)	2,194	2,193	2,131
BC Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	65.7	65.6	65.8
May % change in employment relative to:	-	0.0	3.0
May % change in labour force relative to:	-	0.3	1.7

1 Summary for May 2006--Actual and Seasonally Adjusted

	Current May 2006		Previous Month April 2006		One Year Ago May 2005		Change from April 2006		Change from May 2005	
	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.	Actual	S.A.
British Columbia										
Working Age Population ('000)	3503.5		3497.2		3439.4		0.2%		1.9%	
Labour Force ('000)	2315.6	2302.0	2273.0	2295.7	2274.9	2263.8	1.9%	0.3%	1.8%	1.7%
Employment ('000)	2202.6	2193.6	2169.1	2192.8	2138.3	2130.7	1.5%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Unemployment ('000)	113.1	108.4	104.0	102.9	136.6	133.0	8.7%	5.3%	-17.2%	-18.5%
Employment Rate[1]	62.9%	62.6%	62.0%	62.7%	62.2%	61.9%				
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.7%	4.6%	4.5%	6.0%	5.9%				
Participation Rate	66.1%	65.7%	65.0%	65.6%	66.1%	65.8%				
Canada										
Working Age Population ('000)	26,135.8		26,100.2		25,754.6		0.1%		1.5%	
Labour Force ('000)	17,767.6	17,588.0	17,334.5	17,532.4	17,500.1	17,325.1	2.5%	0.3%	1.5%	1.5%
Employment ('000)	16,676.0	16,514.9	16,195.9	16,418.2	16,277.0	16,136.2	3.0%	0.6%	2.5%	2.3%
Unemployment ('000)	1,091.5	1,073.2	1,138.6	1,114.2	1,223.2	1,188.9	-4.1%	-3.7%	-10.8%	-9.7%
Employment Rate[1]	63.8%	63.2%	62.1%	62.9%	63.2%	62.7%				
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	6.1%	6.6%	6.4%	7.0%	6.9%				
Participation Rate	68.0%	67.3%	66.4%	67.2%	67.9%	67.3%				

BC Unemployment Rate:*



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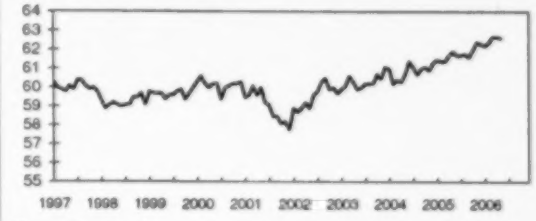

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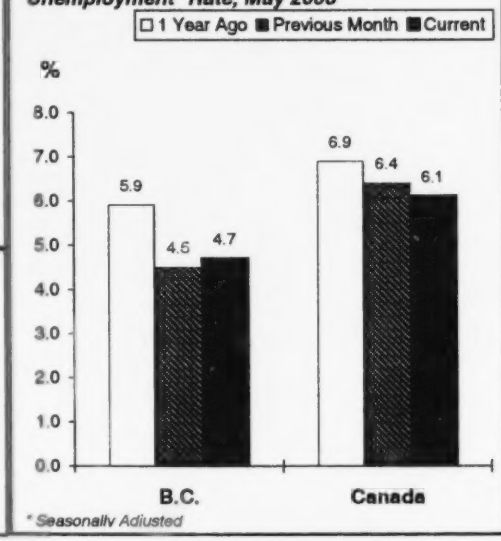
Unemployment Rate, May 2006*



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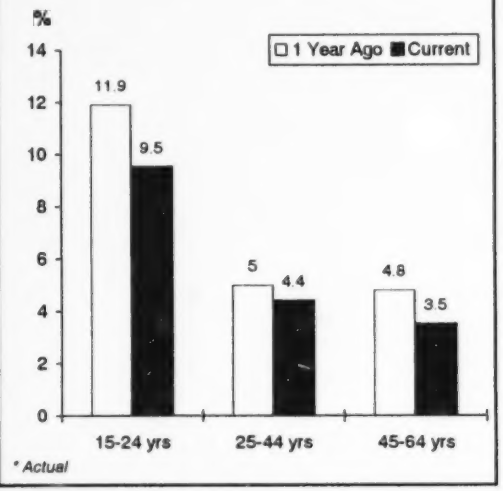
BC Unemployment Rates by Age, May 2006*



* Actual

[1] Employment rate is calculated as employment as a percent of the working age population.

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Source: Statistics Canada

2 BC Monthly Labour Force Data

	Actual							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	(%)	(%)
1996	1,988.4		1,816.4		172.0		8.7	65.6
1997	2,030.6	2.1	1,860.5	2.4	170.1	-1.1	8.4	65.5
1998	2,038.3	0.4	1,858.4	-0.1	179.9	5.8	8.8	64.9
1999	2,064.8	1.3	1,894.4	1.9	170.4	-5.3	8.3	65.1
2000	2,079.9	0.7	1,931.3	1.9	148.6	-12.8	7.1	64.8
2001	2,082.6	0.1	1,921.6	-0.5	161.1	8.4	7.7	64.0
2002	2,147.6	3.1	1,965.0	2.3	182.6	13.3	8.5	65.1
2003	2,190.7	2.0	2,014.7	2.5	176.0	-3.6	8.0	65.6
2004	2,221.9	1.4	2,062.7	2.4	159.2	-9.5	7.2	65.5
2005	2,263.4	1.9	2,130.5	3.3	132.9	-16.5	5.9	65.6
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*		
2005 Jan	2,216.7	1.3	2,058.0	2.5	158.8	-11.1	7.2	64.9
Feb	2,241.2	2.9	2,069.8	3.7	171.4	-5.8	7.6	65.5
Mar	2,229.5	1.9	2,080.6	3.2	149.0	-13.3	6.7	65.0
Apr	2,231.1	2.3	2,092.4	3.9	138.7	-17.5	6.2	65.0
May	2,274.9	2.0	2,138.3	3.9	136.6	-20.4	6.0	66.1
Jun	2,284.7	0.7	2,159.2	2.1	125.5	-18.9	5.5	66.3
Jul	2,307.1	1.7	2,161.4	2.6	145.7	-10.1	6.3	66.9
Aug	2,313.1	1.6	2,166.7	3.5	146.4	-19.8	6.3	66.9
Sep	2,259.0	1.6	2,142.7	2.7	116.3	-15.2	5.1	65.2
Oct	2,264.9	1.4	2,160.9	3.3	104.0	-26.4	4.6	65.3
Nov	2,271.2	2.7	2,168.0	4.5	103.2	-24.5	4.5	65.4
Dec	2,267.7	2.3	2,168.6	3.6	99.0	-19.9	4.4	65.2
2006 Jan	2,252.5	1.6	2,122.5	3.1	130.0	-18.1	5.8	64.7
Feb	2,260.2	0.8	2,141.7	3.5	118.5	-30.9	5.2	64.8
Mar	2,267.9	1.7	2,164.9	4.1	102.9	-30.9	4.5	64.9
Apr	2,273.0	1.9	2,169.1	3.7	104.0	-25.0	4.6	65.0
May	2,315.6	1.8	2,202.6	3.0	113.1	-17.2	4.9	66.1
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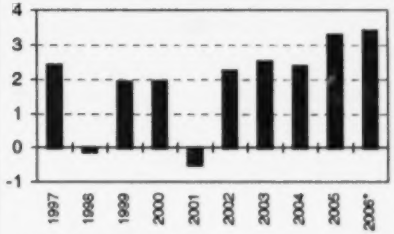
Average:								
Jan-May05	2,238.7		2,087.8		150.9		6.7	65.3
Jan-May06	2,273.8		2,160.2		113.7		5.0	65.1
% Change	1.6		3.5		-24.7			

% Change in Employment, Annual Avg



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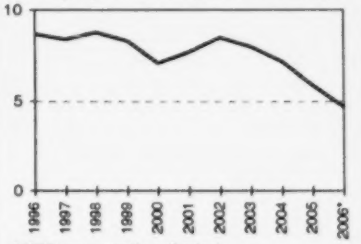
Unemployment Rate, Annual Average



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	Seasonally Adjusted							
	Labour Force		Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate
	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	('000)	% Chg*	(%)	(%)
2005 Jan	2,248.9		2,102.4		146.5		6.5	65.8
Feb	2,261.6	0.6	2,103.1	0.0	158.5	8.2	7.0	66.1
Mar	2,250.9	-0.5	2,104.5	0.1	146.4	-7.6	6.5	65.6
Apr	2,254.1	0.1	2,116.9	0.6	137.1	-6.4	6.1	65.7
May	2,263.8	0.4	2,130.7	0.7	133.0	-3.0	5.9	65.8
Jun	2,255.4	-0.4	2,123.8	-0.3	131.6	-1.1	5.8	65.5
Jul	2,266.7	0.5	2,128.8	0.2	138.0	4.9	6.1	65.7
Aug	2,266.6	0.0	2,137.0	0.4	129.7	-6.0	5.7	65.6
Sep	2,259.5	-0.3	2,132.4	-0.2	127.2	-1.9	5.6	65.3
Oct	2,264.4	0.2	2,148.7	0.8	115.7	-9.0	5.1	65.3
Nov	2,280.3	0.7	2,169.0	0.9	111.4	-3.7	4.9	65.7
Dec	2,282.9	0.1	2,167.1	-0.1	115.8	3.9	5.1	65.6
2006 Jan	2,284.5	0.1	2,166.9	0.0	117.6	1.6	5.1	65.6
Feb	2,285.1	0.0	2,175.9	0.4	109.2	-7.1	4.8	65.5
Mar	2,290.8	0.2	2,189.0	0.6	101.8	-6.8	4.4	65.6
Apr	2,295.7	0.2	2,192.8	0.2	102.9	1.1	4.5	65.6
May	2,302.0	0.3	2,193.6	0.0	108.4	5.3	4.7	65.7
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Average:								
Jan-May05	2,255.9		2,111.5		144.3		6.4	65.8
Jan-May06	2,291.6		2,183.6		108.0		4.7	65.6
% Change	1.6		3.4		-25.2			

* Per cent changes for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, per cent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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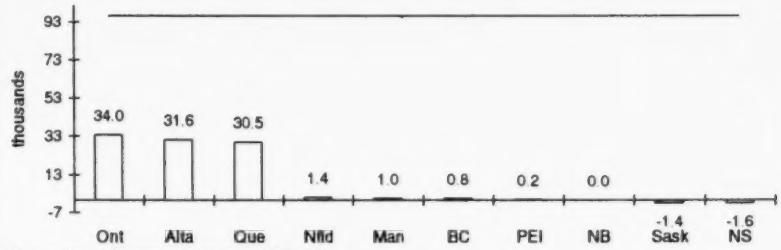
3a Employment ('000) by Province

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1,816.4	1,405.1	456.8	517.4	5,167.1	3,129.8	305.5	376.9	58.9	187.5	13,421.4
1997	1,860.5	1,451.4	466.2	525.6	5,291.4	3,172.8	309.1	382.0	58.8	188.3	13,706.0
1998	1,858.4	1,509.9	470.5	534.2	5,453.3	3,257.5	315.2	395.3	59.6	192.4	14,046.2
1999	1,894.4	1,544.0	471.6	541.4	5,636.7	3,328.1	325.5	404.0	60.2	201.0	14,406.7
2000	1,931.3	1,584.0	473.5	552.3	5,817.1	3,402.8	331.2	411.4	62.7	198.0	14,764.2
2001	1,921.6	1,630.9	460.3	554.3	5,926.2	3,440.2	330.1	415.2	63.6	203.8	14,946.2
2002	1,965.0	1,670.8	468.3	567.2	6,031.4	3,569.9	343.1	422.9	64.7	207.2	15,310.4
2003	2,014.7	1,716.7	476.1	570.3	6,213.2	3,628.8	343.1	431.2	66.1	212.3	15,672.3
2004	2,062.7	1,757.5	479.7	576.6	6,316.5	3,680.5	350.1	442.2	66.9	214.3	15,947.0
2005	2,130.5	1,784.4	483.5	580.3	6,397.7	3,717.3	350.5	443.1	68.2	214.1	16,169.7

Employment Change*('000), May 2006 *Line represents Canada at 96.7*



** Current month over previous month (saadj)*

	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	2,058.0	1,740.5	473.4	567.9	6,217.0	3,599.5	332.9	426.8	62.8	199.3	15,678.1
Feb	2,069.8	1,748.6	476.3	573.6	6,259.3	3,622.4	333.6	425.3	63.3	197.2	15,769.2
Mar	2,080.6	1,755.7	479.6	569.6	6,247.3	3,620.5	333.6	427.6	63.7	201.5	15,779.8
Apr	2,092.4	1,754.0	476.3	570.6	6,312.6	3,645.9	336.6	434.3	63.5	200.1	15,886.3
May	2,138.3	1,800.7	495.0	587.0	6,458.2	3,698.3	359.9	454.3	70.6	214.6	16,277.0
Jun	2,159.2	1,813.8	498.0	589.4	6,505.1	3,796.3	364.0	457.7	73.3	232.6	16,489.5
Jul	2,161.4	1,814.9	497.3	589.0	6,486.1	3,837.8	368.3	458.3	73.9	242.0	16,529.0
Aug	2,166.7	1,811.9	492.3	587.0	6,507.5	3,814.1	367.7	460.9	73.9	226.3	16,508.5
Sep	2,142.7	1,786.4	480.2	581.8	6,419.5	3,761.0	357.0	443.4	70.9	221.6	16,264.6
Oct	2,160.9	1,791.5	479.9	582.9	6,473.4	3,759.0	351.2	447.1	69.7	215.9	16,331.4
Nov	2,168.0	1,796.6	479.1	583.4	6,459.9	3,734.3	351.7	441.0	67.2	214.0	16,295.1
Dec	2,168.6	1,798.6	474.5	581.9	6,427.1	3,718.2	349.9	439.8	65.9	203.5	16,228.1
2006 Jan	2,122.5	1,780.2	470.8	574.1	6,337.6	3,639.1	342.9	425.0	63.0	193.9	15,949.1
Feb	2,141.7	1,812.8	471.9	577.6	6,340.6	3,667.5	342.4	423.7	63.6	199.9	16,041.7
Mar	2,164.9	1,824.4	474.4	574.2	6,359.6	3,675.3	343.4	428.7	63.2	198.5	16,106.7
Apr	2,169.1	1,821.5	480.0	582.1	6,419.6	3,674.4	345.4	436.4	64.8	202.6	16,195.9
May	2,202.6	1,899.2	496.1	596.5	6,582.9	3,789.4	365.0	451.8	72.7	220.0	16,676.0
Jun											
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Average:											
Jan-May05	2,087.8	1,759.9	480.1	573.7	6,298.9	3,637.3	339.3	433.7	64.8	202.5	15,878.1
Jan-May06	2,160.2	1,827.6	478.6	580.9	6,408.1	3,689.1	347.8	433.1	65.5	203.0	16,193.9
% Change	3.5	3.8	-0.3	1.2	1.7	1.4	2.5	-0.1	1.0	0.2	2.0
	2,111.5	1,776.8	486.8	578.8	6,360.6	3,693.9	351.5	444.3	68.4	213.9	16,086.5
	2,183.6	1,841.6	484.5	586.2	6,470.3	3,747.3	359.5	443.8	69.0	213.4	16,399.2
	3.4	3.6	-0.5	1.3	1.7	1.4	2.3	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.9

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3b Employment Growth by Province (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	1.7	2.9	-0.3	0.2	1.3	-0.2	-0.7	0.3	3.0	-3.5	0.9
1997	2.4	3.3	2.1	1.6	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.4	-0.2	0.4	2.1
1998	-0.1	4.0	0.9	1.6	3.1	2.7	2.0	3.5	1.4	2.2	2.5
1999	1.9	2.3	0.2	1.3	3.4	2.2	3.3	2.2	1.0	4.5	2.6
2000	1.9	2.6	0.4	2.0	3.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	4.2	-1.5	2.5
2001	-0.5	3.0	-2.8	0.4	1.9	1.1	-0.3	0.9	1.4	2.9	1.2
2002	2.3	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.8	3.8	3.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	2.4
2003	2.5	2.7	1.7	0.5	3.0	1.6	0.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.4
2004	2.4	2.4	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.6	1.2	0.9	1.8
2005	3.3	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.4
2005 Jan	2.5	1.8	2.2	0.9	0.5	1.9	1.0	2.2	4.0	0.6	1.3
Feb	3.7	1.6	2.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	0.9	1.3	4.3	-0.6	1.5
Mar	3.2	1.6	3.1	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.7	4.3	0.6	1.4
Apr	3.9	1.0	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.1	1.6	1.0	3.9	-0.3	1.2
May	3.9	1.9	1.7	0.5	1.7	-0.6	2.1	1.3	2.5	-1.6	1.4
Jun	2.1	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.2	0.7	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	0.0	1.0
Jul	2.6	2.0	1.7	1.6	0.9	1.2	-0.4	-1.2	1.7	-1.1	1.2
Aug	3.5	1.3	0.6	0.7	1.4	1.6	-1.0	0.5	1.0	-1.9	1.5
Sep	2.7	0.7	-0.5	0.3	1.7	0.9	-1.6	-1.4	0.7	1.0	1.3
Oct	3.3	1.8	-1.2	0.1	1.8	1.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.6
Nov	4.5	1.7	-1.0	0.6	1.8	1.1	0.3	-0.6	-0.3	3.2	1.7
Dec	3.6	1.9	-1.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.0	-2.1	1.6
2006 Jan	3.1	2.3	-0.5	1.1	1.9	1.1	3.0	-0.4	0.3	-2.7	1.7
Feb	3.5	3.7	-0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.6	-0.4	0.5	1.4	1.7
Mar	4.1	3.9	-1.1	0.8	1.8	1.5	2.9	0.3	-0.8	-1.5	2.1
Apr	3.7	3.8	0.8	2.0	1.7	0.8	2.6	0.5	2.0	1.2	1.9
May	3.0	5.5	0.2	1.6	1.9	2.5	1.4	-0.6	3.0	2.5	2.5
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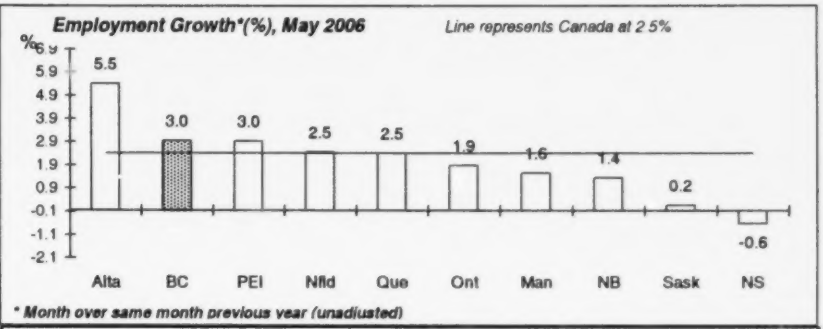

*Month over same month previous year (unadjusted)

Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.1
Mar	0.1	0.2	0.3	-1.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.2	0.0
Apr	0.6	0.1	-0.8	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.3
May	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	-0.7	1.1	0.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.2
Jun	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.8	0.1
Jul	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.2	1.3	0.3	0.2
Aug	0.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5	-0.6	-2.1	0.1
Sep	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-1.1	0.6	1.1	0.0
Oct	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.4
Nov	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.7	1.4	0.2
Dec	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-0.1
2006 Jan	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.2	-0.2	1.0	0.3	0.1	-0.8	0.2
Feb	0.4	1.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.4	2.8	0.2
Mar	0.6	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	-1.6	-1.5	0.3
Apr	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.7	0.4	-0.6	0.1	0.5	2.5	1.3	0.1
May	0.0	1.7	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.7	0.6

Note: growth rates for "actual" data are calculated as month over same month previous year. For seasonally adjusted data, growth rates are calculated as month over previous month.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

4a Provincial Unemployment Rates (%)

	Actual										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	8.7	6.9	6.7	7.3	9.0	11.9	11.6	12.4	14.7	19.1	9.6
1997	8.4	5.9	6.0	6.5	8.4	11.4	12.7	12.2	15.4	18.4	9.1
1998	8.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	7.2	10.3	12.2	10.5	13.9	17.9	8.3
1999	8.3	5.7	6.1	5.6	6.3	9.3	10.2	9.6	14.3	16.9	7.6
2000	7.1	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.8	8.5	10.0	9.1	12.1	16.7	6.8
2001	7.7	4.6	5.8	5.1	6.3	8.8	11.1	9.7	11.9	16.1	7.2
2002	8.5	5.3	5.7	5.1	7.1	8.6	10.2	9.6	12.0	16.7	7.7
2003	8.0	5.1	5.6	5.0	6.9	9.1	10.3	9.1	11.0	16.5	7.6
2004	7.2	4.6	5.3	5.3	6.8	8.5	9.8	8.8	11.3	15.7	7.2
2005	5.9	3.9	5.1	4.8	6.6	8.3	9.7	8.4	10.8	15.2	6.8
2005 Jan	7.2	4.8	5.6	5.6	6.7	9.5	11.2	9.9	14.1	16.5	7.5
Feb	7.6	4.2	5.5	5.4	7.0	9.0	10.6	10.7	13.0	17.2	7.5
Mar	6.7	3.5	5.5	5.5	7.3	8.9	10.6	9.8	13.0	16.9	7.4
Apr	6.2	4.2	5.5	5.1	6.6	8.5	11.2	9.2	15.0	16.8	7.0
May	6.0	3.6	4.3	4.7	7.2	8.5	9.6	7.8	9.5	16.7	7.0
Jun	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.3	6.6	7.4	9.0	7.7	7.8	12.5	6.3
Jul	6.3	3.7	4.9	4.7	7.3	7.9	9.3	7.7	9.1	12.1	6.9
Aug	6.3	4.2	5.7	5.4	7.4	8.3	9.2	7.0	8.7	15.2	7.1
Sep	5.1	3.7	5.5	4.4	6.1	7.6	8.5	7.8	8.3	13.2	6.2
Oct	4.6	3.8	4.7	4.1	5.9	7.7	9.7	7.7	9.1	13.9	6.1
Nov	4.5	4.0	4.8	3.8	5.5	7.9	8.6	8.1	10.6	14.7	6.0
Dec	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.2	5.6	8.3	9.1	8.0	12.1	15.8	6.1
2006 Jan	5.8	4.0	5.9	4.8	6.6	9.6	9.8	9.0	14.3	18.8	7.2
Feb	5.2	3.2	5.8	4.7	6.3	8.9	10.6	9.5	14.0	16.7	6.7
Mar	4.5	3.3	5.6	4.5	6.5	9.0	10.2	9.0	15.4	17.4	6.7
Apr	4.6	3.6	5.2	4.9	6.1	8.7	10.7	8.8	14.6	18.9	6.6
May	4.9	3.4	4.4	3.6	6.1	7.6	9.0	8.0	8.8	15.9	6.1
Jun											
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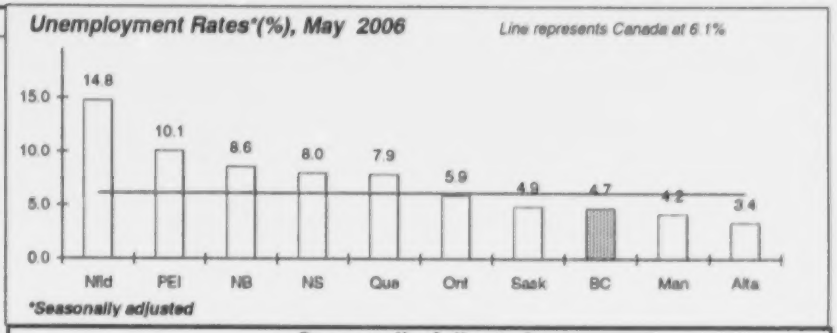
Average:											
Jan-May05	6.7	4.1	5.3	5.3	7.0	8.9	10.6	9.5	12.9	17.2	7.3
Jan-May06	5.0	3.5	5.4	4.5	6.3	8.8	10.1	8.9	13.4	17.5	6.7



	Seasonally Adjusted										
	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	6.5	4.3	4.8	5.1	6.7	8.5	9.8	8.6	10.5	14.6	7.0
Feb	7.0	4.0	4.9	4.9	6.8	8.2	9.3	9.8	10.3	15.4	7.0
Mar	6.5	3.6	5.1	5.2	6.8	8.3	9.5	8.4	10.3	15.0	6.9
Apr	6.1	4.1	5.0	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.3	8.4	10.6	16.1	6.8
May	5.9	3.6	4.6	5.1	6.8	8.6	8.9	7.8	10.8	15.3	6.9
Jun	5.8	3.9	4.9	4.8	6.7	8.1	9.9	8.8	11.9	14.0	6.8
Jul	6.1	3.6	4.8	4.7	6.7	8.3	9.8	8.0	11.1	14.5	6.8
Aug	5.7	3.9	5.3	4.6	6.7	8.3	9.7	7.5	11.3	16.6	6.8
Sep	5.6	4.1	6.0	4.8	6.3	8.3	10.6	8.6	11.4	15.5	6.7
Oct	5.1	4.0	5.2	4.5	6.4	8.3	10.9	8.6	11.2	15.2	6.6
Nov	4.9	4.2	5.2	4.1	6.1	8.0	9.4	8.3	10.7	14.8	6.4
Dec	5.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	6.2	8.2	9.6	8.5	11.1	15.4	6.5
2006 Jan	5.1	3.5	5.2	4.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	7.8	10.8	16.5	6.6
Feb	4.8	3.1	5.3	4.4	6.2	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.9	15.1	6.4
Mar	4.4	3.4	5.3	4.2	6.1	8.5	9.2	7.8	12.0	15.7	6.3
Apr	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.7	6.2	8.3	9.1	8.1	10.5	15.9	6.4
May	4.7	3.4	4.9	4.2	5.9	7.9	8.6	8.0	10.1	14.8	6.1
Jun											
Jul											
Aug											
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Nov											
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-May05	6.4	3.9	4.9	5.0	6.8	8.3	9.4	8.6	10.5	15.3	6.9
Jan-May06	4.7	3.4	5.1	4.4	6.2	8.3	9.0	8.0	10.9	15.6	6.4

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Source: Statistics Canada

4b Provincial Employment Rates (%)

Actual

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
1996	60.0	67.3	61.0	61.6	59.7	54.6	51.8	52.0	56.4	42.3	58.4
1997	60.0	67.8	62.2	62.3	60.2	55.0	52.1	52.5	55.9	42.9	58.9
1998	59.2	68.5	62.7	63.2	61.2	56.1	53.1	54.1	56.4	44.4	59.7
1999	59.7	68.5	62.8	63.7	62.3	56.9	54.6	55.0	56.6	46.6	60.6
2000	60.2	68.6	63.3	64.5	63.2	57.8	55.4	55.7	58.7	46.1	61.3
2001	59.0	69.0	61.8	64.4	63.0	57.9	55.0	55.9	59.0	47.7	61.1
2002	59.6	69.1	63.1	65.5	62.9	59.5	57.0	56.6	59.5	48.5	61.7
2003	60.3	69.8	64.0	65.3	63.8	60.0	56.7	57.3	60.2	49.5	62.4
2004	60.9	70.1	64.3	65.4	63.8	60.2	57.6	58.4	60.3	49.8	62.7
2005	61.8	69.8	64.6	65.3	63.5	60.1	57.4	58.2	61.1	49.8	62.7
2005 Jan	60.2	68.8	63.3	64.1	62.3	58.5	54.7	56.2	56.5	46.3	61.2
Feb	60.5	69.0	63.7	64.7	62.6	58.9	54.8	56.0	56.9	45.8	61.5
Mar	60.7	69.2	64.1	64.2	62.4	58.8	54.7	56.3	57.2	46.8	61.4
Apr	60.9	69.0	63.6	64.3	63.0	59.1	55.2	57.1	57.0	46.5	61.8
May	62.2	70.7	66.1	66.1	64.3	59.9	59.0	59.8	63.3	49.9	63.2
Jun	62.7	71.1	66.5	66.3	64.6	61.4	59.7	60.2	65.7	54.2	63.9
Jul	62.7	71.0	66.4	66.2	64.4	62.1	60.3	60.3	66.2	56.4	64.0
Aug	62.7	70.7	65.7	66.0	64.4	61.6	60.2	60.5	66.2	52.7	63.8
Sep	61.9	69.6	64.1	65.4	63.5	60.7	58.4	58.2	63.5	51.6	62.8
Oct	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.5	63.9	60.6	57.4	58.7	62.3	50.3	63.0
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.0	65.5	63.7	60.1	57.5	57.9	60.1	49.8	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.5	63.4	65.4	63.3	59.8	57.2	57.7	58.8	47.4	62.4
2006 Jan	60.9	68.6	63.0	64.5	62.3	58.5	56.1	55.8	56.3	45.2	61.3
Feb	61.4	69.6	63.1	64.9	62.3	58.9	56.0	55.6	56.8	46.6	61.6
Mar	62.0	69.9	63.5	64.5	62.4	59.0	56.2	56.2	56.4	46.3	61.8
Apr	62.0	69.6	64.3	65.3	63.0	58.9	56.5	57.2	57.9	47.3	62.1
May	62.9	72.3	66.5	66.9	64.5	60.7	59.7	59.3	64.9	51.4	63.8
Jun											
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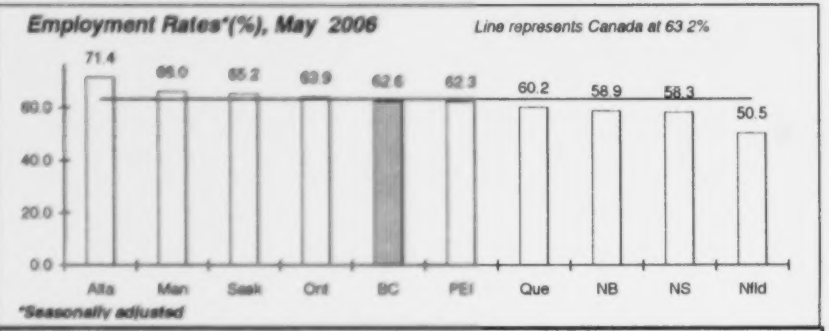
Dec											
Average:											
Jan-May05	60.9	69.3	64.2	64.7	62.9	59.0	55.7	57.1	58.2	47.1	61.8
Jan-May06	61.8	70.0	64.1	65.2	62.9	59.2	56.9	56.8	58.5	47.4	62.1



Seasonally Adjusted

	BC	Alta	Sask	Man	Ont	Que	NB	NS	PEI	Nfld	CAN
2005 Jan	61.5	70.0	65.1	65.5	63.4	60.3	57.4	58.6	61.8	50.1	62.6
Feb	61.4	70.0	65.2	65.8	63.4	60.2	57.6	58.3	61.8	49.6	62.6
Mar	61.4	70.0	65.3	64.9	63.4	60.0	57.4	58.2	61.5	50.2	62.6
Apr	61.7	70.0	64.8	64.9	63.6	59.9	57.6	58.5	61.2	49.4	62.6
May	61.9	70.0	64.9	65.3	63.8	59.4	58.2	58.9	60.9	49.3	62.7
Jun	61.7	69.7	64.7	65.2	63.7	60.0	57.0	58.3	60.3	50.2	62.6
Jul	61.7	69.9	64.7	65.4	63.5	60.2	57.3	58.1	61.0	50.4	62.7
Aug	61.8	69.7	64.3	65.2	63.4	60.4	57.2	58.3	60.6	49.3	62.7
Sep	61.6	69.5	63.9	65.1	63.5	60.2	56.9	57.6	61.0	49.9	62.6
Oct	62.0	69.7	63.9	65.2	63.7	60.3	56.8	58.2	61.0	49.9	62.7
Nov	62.4	69.6	64.3	65.6	63.6	60.3	57.6	58.1	61.4	50.6	62.8
Dec	62.3	69.6	64.1	65.6	63.4	60.4	58.1	57.9	61.3	49.1	62.7
2006 Jan	62.2	69.7	64.6	65.9	63.4	60.2	58.7	58.1	61.4	48.8	62.7
Feb	62.4	70.5	64.5	65.8	63.2	60.2	58.8	57.9	61.6	50.2	62.8
Mar	62.7	70.6	64.7	65.5	63.5	60.2	58.8	58.2	60.6	49.4	62.9
Apr	62.7	70.5	65.3	65.9	63.6	59.8	58.9	58.5	62.1	50.1	62.9
May	62.6	71.4	65.2	66.0	63.9	60.2	58.9	58.3	62.3	50.5	63.2
Jun											
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Dec											
Average:											
Jan-May05	61.6	70.0	65.1	65.3	63.5	60.0	57.6	58.5	61.4	49.7	62.6
Jan-May06	62.5	70.5	64.9	65.8	63.5	60.1	58.8	58.2	61.6	49.8	62.9

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Source: Statistics Canada

5a B[illegible] Employment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	533.8	306.8	996.1	26.0	48.8	20.7	96.4	131.6	450.7	231.1	820.3	18.9	40.3	16.0	75.6	271.0	984.5	537.9	1,816.4	44.9	89.1	36.7	172.0
1997	137.5	536.4	318.4	1,007.4	27.8	47.1	20.3	96.0	133.0	461.9	249.3	853.0	20.7	36.1	16.9	74.1	270.6	998.3	567.6	1,860.5	48.6	83.1	37.2	170.1
1998	132.1	525.8	316.7	994.0	31.5	50.8	24.2	107.4	126.6	460.5	266.9	864.4	23.1	35.2	13.9	72.5	258.8	986.3	583.6	1,858.4	54.6	86.0	38.2	179.9
1999	138.2	521.0	333.8	1,011.5	26.5	48.5	22.8	98.8	134.8	461.3	278.2	882.9	19.1	35.9	16.4	71.6	273.0	982.3	611.9	1,894.4	45.6	84.4	39.2	170.4
2000	141.0	522.6	350.4	1,031.3	25.7	37.1	20.6	83.8	138.2	458.2	295.8	900.0	18.5	31.2	15.0	64.8	279.2	980.8	646.2	1,931.3	44.2	68.3	35.6	148.6
2001	140.9	509.8	354.1	1,020.1	27.1	44.5	23.0	95.6	138.2	452.8	301.3	901.4	18.0	32.1	14.9	65.5	279.1	962.5	655.4	1,921.6	45.1	76.6	37.9	161.1
2002	147.8	503.2	365.8	1,037.7	30.2	45.8	26.9	104.1	145.8	452.5	318.1	927.3	22.0	37.4	18.4	78.5	293.6	955.8	683.9	1,965.0	52.2	83.2	45.3	182.6
2003	149.3	502.2	389.7	1,065.8	28.5	39.2	27.0	95.5	149.7	454.6	333.3	948.9	21.8	36.4	21.6	80.5	299.0	956.8	723.0	2,014.7	50.3	75.6	48.5	176.0
2004	153.8	508.2	403.8	1,091.2	25.9	34.4	24.1	85.4	154.0	463.7	342.6	971.5	21.9	30.5	20.8	73.7	307.8	971.9	746.4	2,062.7	47.8	64.9	44.8	159.2
2005	166.5	513.1	424.4	1,130.5	20.3	27.1	21.4	69.8	165.7	457.3	360.8	1,000.0	17.1	26.0	19.5	63.1	332.1	970.4	785.3	2,130.5	37.4	53.1	40.9	132.9
2005 Jan	140.8	506.2	412.8	1,088.3	27.6	37.3	21.2	87.3	153.0	449.5	356.8	969.7	17.5	32.5	21.2	71.4	293.8	955.7	769.6	2,058.0	45.1	69.8	42.4	158.8
Feb	147.6	507.1	412.4	1,092.1	26.4	38.7	27.3	93.1	155.4	443.2	363.4	977.7	19.3	32.8	25.6	78.3	303.0	950.3	775.8	2,069.8	45.7	71.5	52.9	171.4
Mar	146.0	512.2	414.2	1,097.1	23.6	34.5	23.4	82.6	155.9	445.0	367.2	983.5	16.2	31.5	18.7	66.4	301.9	957.2	781.4	2,080.6	39.8	66.0	42.1	149.0
Apr	148.6	508.8	418.4	1,104.2	22.2	27.7	24.6	75.6	151.6	449.3	371.3	988.2	16.3	28.7	18.0	63.1	300.2	958.1	789.7	2,092.4	38.5	56.5	42.6	138.7
May	169.0	516.6	423.7	1,138.7	19.5	26.0	20.9	67.2	165.6	456.2	359.6	999.7	25.8	24.9	18.8	69.4	334.6	972.8	783.2	2,138.3	45.3	50.9	39.7	136.6
Jun	175.2	520.4	424.7	1,150.1	20.9	22.8	20.2	64.7	173.8	458.0	360.8	1,009.1	18.5	26.8	15.4	60.7	349.0	978.4	785.5	2,159.2	39.4	49.6	35.6	125.5
Jul	190.0	516.5	422.2	1,157.6	27.2	23.5	24.3	75.8	180.0	457.3	348.0	1,003.8	24.2	24.9	20.4	69.9	370.0	973.7	770.2	2,161.4	51.4	48.4	44.7	145.7
Aug	184.9	517.8	423.9	1,153.6	22.3	25.8	23.0	71.2	181.8	457.9	353.7	1,013.2	19.0	29.0	26.5	75.1	366.7	975.7	777.6	2,166.7	41.3	54.8	49.7	146.4
Sep	171.3	511.2	434.1	1,141.3	16.2	21.1	20.7	58.3	158.9	460.9	363.4	1,001.4	14.7	22.4	20.5	58.1	330.2	972.1	797.5	2,142.7	30.9	43.5	41.3	116.3
Oct	175.0	508.3	439.5	1,147.8	15.5	22.5	16.8	55.9	168.5	467.5	360.6	1,013.1	12.8	19.2	15.0	48.1	343.4	975.7	800.1	2,160.9	28.3	41.7	31.8	104.0
Nov	173.7	513.8	437.3	1,148.9	10.7	21.6	16.8	51.8	171.5	466.6	365.9	1,019.1	9.7	23.8	17.0	51.4	345.2	980.5	803.2	2,168.0	20.4	45.5	33.8	103.2
Dec	175.8	518.6	429.9	1,146.7	11.6	23.3	17.9	54.2	171.8	476.3	359.4	1,021.9	11.0	15.8	16.8	44.9	347.6	994.9	789.3	2,168.6	22.6	39.1	34.7	99.0
2006 Jan	160.3	506.2	423.3	1,113.1	17.1	30.2	19.0	68.5	165.5	467.7	361.1	1,009.4	12.2	27.1	21.2	61.5	325.8	973.9	784.5	2,122.5	29.4	57.2	40.1	130.0
Feb	166.0	510.4	427.7	1,130.3	16.9	23.7	20.4	63.5	169.8	460.2	364.5	1,011.4	11.9	26.1	16.4	55.0	335.9	970.6	792.1	2,141.7	28.8	49.9	36.8	118.5
Mar	168.8	513.4	432.6	1,143.4	14.8	22.0	15.0	53.4	169.8	461.1	372.0	1,021.5	11.3	23.4	14.0	49.5	338.6	974.5	804.5	2,164.9	26.1	45.4	29.0	102.9
Apr	170.3	512.1	432.4	1,142.2	12.1	21.3	13.7	47.8	168.8	469.7	372.8	1,026.9	17.0	23.1	15.3	56.2	339.1	981.7	805.2	2,169.1	29.1	44.4	29.0	104.0
May	176.1	522.0	434.2	1,162.0	20.4	22.5	14.9	58.7	176.2	472.4	373.9	1,040.6	16.7	23.2	14.0	54.4	354.3	994.4	808.1	2,202.6	37.1	45.7	28.9	113.1
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Jan-May05	150.4	510.2	416.3	1,104.1	23.9	32.8	23.5	81.2	156.3	448.6	363.7	983.8	19.0	30.1	20.5	69.7	306.7	958.8	779.9	2,087.8	42.9	62.9	43.9	150.9
Jan-May06	168.3	512.8	430.0	1,138.2	16.3	23.9	16.6	58.4	170.4	466.2	368.9	1,022.0	13.8	24.6	16.2	55.3	338.7	979.0	798.9	2,160.2	30.1	48.5	32.8	113.7
% Change	11.9	0.5	3.3	3.1	-31.9	-27.1	-29.3	-28.1	9.0	3.9	1.4	3.9	-27.3	-18.3	-20.9	-20.7	10.4	2.1	2.4	3.5	-29.8	-22.9	-25.4	-24.7

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

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Source: Statistics Canada

5b BC Participation Rates and Unemployment Rates by Age and Gender, Actual

	Men								Women								Total							
	Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)				Participation Rate (%)				Unemployment Rate (%)			
	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25-44 Years	45-64 Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	92.3	79.5	72.9	15.7	8.4	6.3	8.8	62.2	78.3	60.4	58.5	12.6	8.2	6.5	8.4	63.8	85.3	70.0	65.6	14.2	8.3	6.4	8.7
1997	63.7	91.9	79.2	72.1	16.8	8.1	6.0	8.7	61.6	78.3	62.5	59.1	13.5	7.2	6.3	8.0	62.6	85.1	70.8	65.5	15.2	7.7	6.1	8.4
1998	62.3	91.5	76.9	71.1	19.3	8.8	7.1	9.8	59.5	78.1	63.5	58.9	15.4	7.1	5.0	7.7	60.9	84.8	70.2	64.9	17.4	8.0	6.1	8.8
1999	62.0	91.4	77.8	71.0	16.1	8.5	6.4	8.9	60.5	78.9	64.2	59.3	12.4	7.2	5.6	7.5	61.3	85.1	71.0	65.1	14.3	7.9	6.0	8.3
2000	61.9	90.8	78.3	70.5	15.4	6.6	5.6	7.5	60.9	78.2	65.3	59.3	11.8	6.4	4.8	6.7	61.4	84.4	71.8	64.8	13.7	6.5	5.2	7.1
2001	61.2	90.6	77.1	69.5	16.1	8.0	6.1	8.6	59.7	77.9	64.0	58.6	11.5	6.6	4.7	6.8	60.5	84.2	70.5	64.0	13.9	7.4	5.5	7.7
2002	63.8	90.6	77.6	70.3	17.0	8.3	6.9	9.1	62.9	79.4	65.6	60.1	13.1	7.6	5.5	7.8	63.4	84.9	71.5	65.1	15.1	8.0	6.2	8.5
2003	63.0	90.4	79.6	70.7	16.0	7.2	6.5	8.2	63.2	80.5	66.7	60.7	12.7	7.4	6.1	7.8	63.1	85.4	73.1	65.6	14.4	7.3	6.3	8.0
2004	62.8	91.2	79.1	70.6	14.4	6.3	5.6	7.3	63.9	81.5	65.9	60.7	12.5	6.2	5.7	7.1	63.3	86.3	72.4	65.5	13.4	6.3	5.7	7.2
2005	64.2	90.9	79.9	70.8	10.9	5.0	4.8	5.8	65.5	79.7	66.6	60.7	9.4	5.4	5.1	5.9	64.8	85.3	73.2	65.6	10.1	5.2	5.0	5.9
2005 Jan	58.4	91.6	78.9	69.9	15.4	6.9	4.9	7.4	61.5	79.6	67.2	59.9	10.3	6.7	5.6	6.9	59.9	85.6	73.0	64.9	13.3	6.8	5.2	7.2
Feb	60.2	92.0	79.7	70.4	15.2	7.1	6.2	7.9	63.0	78.7	69.0	60.7	11.0	6.9	6.6	7.4	61.5	85.3	74.3	65.5	13.1	7.0	6.4	7.6
Mar	58.6	92.1	79.1	70.0	13.9	6.3	5.3	7.0	61.9	78.7	68.2	60.2	9.4	6.6	4.8	6.3	60.2	85.3	73.6	65.0	11.6	6.5	5.1	6.7
Apr	58.9	90.4	79.9	69.9	13.0	5.2	5.6	6.4	60.4	78.9	68.7	60.2	9.7	6.0	4.6	6.0	59.6	84.6	74.2	65.0	11.4	5.6	5.1	6.2
May	65.0	91.4	79.9	71.3	10.3	4.8	4.7	5.6	68.8	79.4	66.5	61.2	13.5	5.2	5.0	6.5	66.8	85.3	73.2	66.1	11.9	5.0	4.8	6.0
Jun	67.5	91.5	79.8	71.7	10.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	69.0	80.0	66.0	61.1	9.6	5.5	4.1	5.7	68.2	85.7	72.8	66.3	10.1	4.8	4.3	5.5
Jul	74.6	90.9	79.9	72.7	12.5	4.4	5.4	6.1	73.2	79.5	64.4	61.3	11.8	5.2	5.5	6.5	73.9	85.1	72.1	66.9	12.2	4.7	5.5	6.3
Aug	71.0	91.5	79.7	72.1	10.8	4.7	5.1	5.8	71.8	80.3	66.3	62.0	9.5	6.0	7.0	6.9	71.4	85.8	72.9	66.9	10.1	5.3	6.0	6.3
Sep	64.1	89.6	80.9	70.4	8.6	4.0	4.6	4.9	62.0	79.7	66.8	60.2	8.5	4.6	5.3	5.5	63.1	84.6	73.7	65.2	8.6	4.3	4.9	5.1
Oct	65.0	89.3	81.0	70.6	8.1	4.2	3.7	4.6	64.6	80.2	65.1	60.2	7.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	64.8	84.7	73.0	65.3	7.6	4.1	3.8	4.6
Nov	62.9	90.0	80.4	70.3	5.8	4.0	3.7	4.3	64.5	80.8	66.2	60.7	5.4	4.9	4.4	4.8	63.7	85.3	73.2	65.4	5.6	4.4	4.0	4.5
Dec	63.8	91.0	79.1	70.2	6.2	4.3	4.0	4.5	65.1	81.0	64.9	60.4	6.0	3.2	4.5	4.2	64.4	86.0	71.9	65.2	6.1	3.8	4.2	4.4
2006 Jan	60.4	90.1	77.8	68.9	9.6	5.6	4.3	5.8	63.2	81.5	65.7	60.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	5.7	61.8	85.7	71.7	64.7	8.3	5.5	4.9	5.8
Feb	62.3	89.7	78.7	69.6	9.2	4.4	4.6	5.3	64.6	80.1	65.3	60.2	6.5	5.4	4.3	5.2	63.4	84.8	71.9	64.8	7.9	4.9	4.4	5.2
Mar	62.5	89.8	78.4	69.6	8.1	4.1	3.4	4.5	64.4	79.8	66.1	60.4	6.2	4.8	3.6	4.6	63.4	84.7	72.2	64.9	7.2	4.5	3.5	4.5
Apr	62.1	89.4	77.9	69.1	6.6	4.0	3.1	4.0	66.0	81.0	66.3	61.0	9.1	4.7	3.9	5.2	64.0	85.2	72.0	65.0	7.9	4.3	3.5	4.6
May	66.8	91.2	78.2	70.8	10.4	4.1	3.3	4.8	69.2	81.5	66.0	61.5	8.6	4.7	3.6	5.0	68.0	86.3	72.1	66.1	9.5	4.4	3.5	4.9
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Jan-May05	60.2	91.5	79.5	70.3	13.8	6.1	5.3	6.9	63.1	79.1	67.9	60.4	10.8	6.3	5.3	6.6	61.6	85.2	73.7	65.3	12.3	6.2	5.3	6.7
Jan-May06	62.8	90.0	78.2	69.6	8.8	4.4	3.7	4.9	65.5	80.8	65.9	60.7	7.5	5.0	4.2	5.1	64.1	85.3	72.0	65.1	8.2	4.7	4.0	5.0

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Source: Statistics Canada

5c B...mployment and Unemployment by Age and Gender, ...easonally Adjusted

	Men						Women						Total					
	Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)			Employed ('000)			Unemployed ('000)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	139.4	856.8	996.1	26.0	70.4	96.4	131.6	688.7	820.3	18.9	56.7	75.6	271.0	1,545.4	1,816.4	44.9	127.1	172.0
1997	137.5	869.9	1,007.4	27.8	68.2	96.0	133.0	720.0	853.0	20.7	53.3	74.1	270.6	1,589.9	1,860.5	48.6	121.5	170.1
1998	132.1	861.9	994.0	31.5	76.0	107.4	126.6	737.8	864.4	23.1	49.4	72.5	258.8	1,599.6	1,858.4	54.6	125.3	179.9
1999	138.2	873.3	1,011.5	26.5	72.3	98.8	134.8	748.1	882.9	19.1	52.5	71.6	273.0	1,621.4	1,894.4	45.6	124.9	170.4
2000	141.0	890.3	1,031.3	25.7	58.1	83.8	138.2	761.7	900.0	18.5	46.3	64.8	279.2	1,652.1	1,931.3	44.2	104.4	148.6
2001	140.9	879.2	1,020.1	27.1	68.5	95.6	138.2	763.3	901.4	18.0	47.5	65.5	279.1	1,642.5	1,921.6	45.1	116.0	161.1
2002	147.8	889.9	1,037.7	30.2	74.0	104.1	145.8	781.5	927.3	22.0	56.5	78.5	293.6	1,671.4	1,965.0	52.2	130.4	182.6
2003	149.3	916.5	1,065.8	28.5	67.1	95.5	149.7	799.2	948.9	21.8	58.7	80.5	299.0	1,715.7	2,014.7	50.3	125.7	176.0
2004	153.8	937.4	1,091.2	25.9	59.5	85.4	154.0	817.5	971.5	21.9	51.8	73.7	307.8	1,754.9	2,062.7	47.8	111.3	159.2
2005	166.5	964.0	1,130.5	20.3	49.5	69.8	165.7	834.4	1,000.0	17.1	46.0	63.1	332.1	1,798.4	2,130.5	37.4	95.5	132.9
2005 Jan	152.7	965.3	1,118.1	25.6	52.7	78.4	159.7	824.6	984.3	17.1	51.1	68.2	312.4	1,790.0	2,102.4	42.7	103.8	146.5
Feb	157.7	957.2	1,114.9	24.8	57.4	82.2	161.0	827.2	988.2	20.8	55.6	76.4	318.7	1,784.4	2,103.1	45.6	113.0	158.5
Mar	154.5	960.9	1,115.4	23.8	53.1	76.9	162.3	826.8	989.1	18.9	50.6	69.5	316.8	1,787.7	2,104.5	42.7	103.7	146.4
Apr	156.3	965.4	1,121.7	23.7	48.4	72.1	159.4	835.8	995.3	16.8	48.3	65.1	315.7	1,801.2	2,116.9	40.5	96.6	137.1
May	167.2	966.2	1,133.4	17.8	47.3	65.1	161.9	835.4	997.3	23.5	44.4	67.9	329.1	1,801.6	2,130.7	41.3	91.7	133.0
Jun	165.8	963.6	1,129.3	21.9	45.9	67.7	167.9	826.6	994.5	18.1	45.8	63.9	333.7	1,790.2	2,123.8	39.9	91.7	131.6
Jul	169.8	958.8	1,128.6	21.5	52.8	74.3	167.1	833.1	1,000.2	18.0	45.7	63.7	336.9	1,791.9	2,128.8	39.5	98.5	138.0
Aug	167.3	959.7	1,127.0	20.1	48.2	68.3	169.3	840.6	1,010.0	15.4	46.0	61.4	336.6	1,800.3	2,137.0	35.5	94.2	129.7
Sep	174.8	957.4	1,132.2	17.2	50.8	68.0	163.9	836.3	1,000.1	14.4	44.7	59.2	338.7	1,793.7	2,132.4	31.6	95.6	127.2
Oct	176.4	963.4	1,139.8	17.7	48.3	66.0	171.5	837.4	1,008.9	13.4	36.3	49.7	348.0	1,800.7	2,148.7	31.1	84.6	115.7
Nov	176.4	974.0	1,150.4	12.8	44.1	57.0	172.5	846.1	1,018.6	12.1	42.3	54.4	348.9	1,820.1	2,169.0	24.9	86.4	111.4
Dec	177.3	976.7	1,154.0	14.2	44.7	59.0	170.6	842.5	1,013.1	16.3	40.6	56.8	347.9	1,819.1	2,167.1	30.5	85.3	115.8
2006 Jan	173.8	971.4	1,145.2	15.8	44.1	59.9	172.0	849.7	1,021.7	12.8	45.0	57.7	345.8	1,821.1	2,166.9	28.5	89.1	117.6
Feb	176.5	978.0	1,154.5	15.5	39.1	54.6	174.7	846.7	1,021.5	13.2	41.3	54.6	351.3	1,824.7	2,175.9	28.7	80.4	109.2
Mar	178.5	983.8	1,162.3	15.0	34.1	49.1	175.6	851.1	1,026.7	13.9	38.8	52.7	354.1	1,834.9	2,189.0	28.9	72.9	101.8
Apr	179.6	981.3	1,161.0	13.3	32.6	45.9	176.9	854.9	1,031.9	16.6	40.4	57.0	356.6	1,836.3	2,192.8	29.9	73.0	102.9
May	175.6	981.5	1,157.1	17.3	38.2	55.5	174.9	861.7	1,036.5	14.5	38.4	52.9	350.5	1,843.1	2,193.6	31.8	76.6	108.4
Jun																		
Jul																		
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Oct																		
Nov																		
Dec																		
Average:																		
Jan-May05	157.7	963.0	1,120.7	23.1	51.8	74.9	160.9	830.0	990.8	19.4	50.0	69.4	318.5	1,793.0	2,111.5	42.6	101.8	144.3
Jan-May06	176.8	979.2	1,156.0	15.4	37.6	53.0	174.8	852.8	1,027.7	14.2	40.8	55.0	351.7	1,832.0	2,183.6	29.6	78.4	108.0
% Change	12.1	1.7	3.2	-33.5	-27.3	-29.3	8.7	2.8	3.7	-26.9	-18.4	-20.8	10.4	2.2	3.4	-30.5	-23.0	-25.2

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

5d BC Participation, Unemployment and Employment Rates by Age and Gender, Seasonally Adjusted

	Men									Women									Total								
	Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)			Part Rate (%)			Unempl Rate (%)			Empl Rate (%)		
	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages	15-24 Years	25+ Years	All Ages
1996	65.3	74.5	72.9	15.7	7.6	8.8	55.1	68.8	66.5	62.2	57.8	58.5	12.6	7.6	8.4	54.4	53.4	53.6	63.8	66.0	65.6	14.2	7.6	8.7	54.7	61.0	60.0
1997	63.7	73.9	72.1	16.8	7.3	8.7	52.9	68.5	65.8	61.6	58.6	59.1	13.5	6.9	8.0	53.3	54.6	54.4	62.6	66.1	65.5	15.2	7.1	8.4	53.1	61.4	60.0
1998	62.3	72.9	71.1	19.3	8.1	9.8	50.3	67.0	64.2	59.5	58.8	58.9	15.4	6.3	7.7	50.3	55.1	54.4	60.9	65.7	64.9	17.4	7.3	8.8	50.3	60.9	59.2
1999	62.0	72.8	71.0	16.1	7.6	8.9	52.0	67.2	64.6	60.5	59.1	59.3	12.4	6.6	7.5	53.0	55.2	54.9	61.3	65.8	65.1	14.3	7.2	8.3	52.5	61.1	59.7
2000	61.9	72.2	70.5	15.4	6.1	7.5	52.3	67.8	65.2	60.9	58.9	59.3	11.8	5.7	6.7	53.7	55.6	55.3	61.4	65.4	64.8	13.7	5.9	7.1	53.0	61.6	60.2
2001	61.2	71.3	69.5	16.1	7.2	8.6	51.3	66.1	63.6	59.7	58.3	58.6	11.5	5.9	6.8	52.8	54.9	54.6	60.5	64.7	64.0	13.9	6.6	7.7	52.1	60.4	59.0
2002	63.8	71.6	70.3	17.0	7.7	9.1	53.0	66.1	63.9	62.9	59.5	60.1	13.1	6.7	7.8	54.7	55.5	55.4	63.4	65.4	65.1	15.1	7.2	8.5	53.8	60.7	59.6
2003	63.0	72.2	70.7	16.0	6.8	8.2	52.9	67.3	64.8	63.2	60.2	60.7	12.7	6.8	7.8	55.2	56.1	55.9	63.1	66.1	65.6	14.4	6.8	8.0	54.0	61.6	60.3
2004	62.8	72.2	70.6	14.4	6.0	7.3	53.7	67.9	65.5	63.9	60.0	60.7	12.5	6.0	7.1	56.0	56.5	56.4	63.3	66.0	65.5	13.4	6.0	7.2	54.8	62.0	60.9
2005	64.2	72.1	70.8	10.9	4.9	5.8	57.2	68.6	66.7	65.5	59.8	60.7	9.4	5.2	5.9	59.4	56.6	57.1	64.8	65.8	65.6	10.1	5.0	5.9	58.2	62.5	61.8
2005 Jan	61.8	73.1	71.2	14.3	5.2	6.6	52.9	69.3	66.5	63.8	60.0	60.6	9.7	5.8	6.5	57.6	56.5	56.7	62.8	66.4	65.8	12.0	5.5	6.5	55.2	62.8	61.5
Feb	63.2	72.8	71.1	13.6	5.7	6.9	54.6	68.7	66.2	65.5	60.4	61.2	11.4	6.3	7.2	58.0	56.6	56.8	64.3	66.4	66.1	12.5	6.0	7.0	56.3	62.5	61.4
Mar	61.6	72.6	70.7	13.4	5.2	6.4	53.4	68.8	66.1	65.2	59.9	60.7	10.4	5.8	6.6	58.4	56.4	56.8	63.3	66.1	65.6	11.9	5.5	6.5	55.8	62.5	61.4
Apr	62.1	72.5	70.7	13.2	4.8	6.0	53.9	69.0	66.4	63.4	60.3	60.8	9.5	5.5	6.1	57.3	57.0	57.0	62.7	66.2	65.7	11.4	5.1	6.1	55.6	62.9	61.7
May	63.7	72.3	70.9	9.6	4.7	5.4	57.6	69.0	67.0	66.6	59.9	60.9	12.7	5.0	6.4	58.2	56.8	57.1	65.1	66.0	65.8	11.2	4.8	5.9	57.9	62.8	61.9
Jun	64.5	71.9	70.7	11.7	4.5	5.7	57.0	68.7	66.7	66.7	59.3	60.5	9.7	5.2	6.0	60.2	56.2	56.8	65.6	65.5	65.5	10.7	4.9	5.8	58.6	62.3	61.7
Jul	65.7	72.0	70.9	11.2	5.2	6.2	58.3	68.2	66.5	66.3	59.6	60.7	9.7	5.2	6.0	59.9	56.5	57.1	66.0	65.6	65.7	10.5	5.2	6.1	59.1	62.2	61.7
Aug	64.2	71.6	70.3	10.7	4.8	5.7	57.4	68.2	66.3	66.1	60.0	61.0	8.3	5.2	5.7	60.6	56.9	57.5	65.1	65.7	65.6	9.5	5.0	5.7	58.9	62.4	61.8
Sep	65.7	71.5	70.5	9.0	5.0	5.7	59.8	67.9	66.5	63.7	59.6	60.2	8.1	5.1	5.6	58.5	56.5	56.9	64.7	65.4	65.3	8.5	5.1	5.6	59.2	62.1	61.6
Oct	66.2	71.6	70.7	9.1	4.8	5.5	60.2	68.2	66.8	65.9	59.0	60.1	7.2	4.2	4.7	61.1	56.5	57.3	66.1	65.1	65.3	8.2	4.5	5.1	60.7	62.2	62.0
Nov	64.5	71.9	70.7	6.8	4.3	4.7	60.2	68.8	67.3	65.7	59.9	60.8	6.6	4.8	5.1	61.4	57.0	57.7	65.1	65.8	65.7	6.7	4.5	4.9	60.8	62.8	62.4
Dec	65.2	72.0	70.9	7.4	4.4	4.9	60.4	68.9	67.4	66.5	59.4	60.6	8.7	4.6	5.3	60.7	56.7	57.3	65.9	65.6	65.6	8.1	4.5	5.1	60.6	62.6	62.3
2006 Jan	64.6	71.5	70.3	8.3	4.3	5.0	59.2	68.4	66.8	65.7	60.1	61.0	6.9	5.0	5.3	61.2	57.1	57.7	65.1	65.7	65.6	7.6	4.7	5.1	60.2	62.6	62.2
Feb	65.4	71.5	70.4	8.1	3.8	4.5	60.1	68.7	67.3	66.8	59.6	60.7	7.0	4.7	5.1	62.1	56.8	57.7	66.1	65.4	65.5	7.6	4.2	4.8	61.1	62.6	62.4
Mar	65.9	71.4	70.5	7.8	3.4	4.1	60.8	69.1	67.6	67.3	59.6	60.9	7.3	4.4	4.9	62.4	57.0	57.9	66.6	65.4	65.6	7.5	3.8	4.4	61.6	62.9	62.7
Apr	65.6	71.0	70.1	6.9	3.2	3.8	61.1	68.8	67.5	68.7	59.9	61.3	8.6	4.5	5.2	62.8	57.2	58.1	67.1	65.3	65.6	7.7	3.8	4.5	62.0	62.9	62.7
May	65.6	71.3	70.3	9.0	3.7	4.6	59.7	68.6	67.1	67.2	60.1	61.2	7.7	4.3	4.9	62.1	57.5	58.3	66.4	65.6	65.7	8.3	4.0	4.7	60.9	63.0	62.6
Jun																											
Jul																											
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Average:																											
Jan-May05	62.5	72.7	70.9	12.8	5.1	6.3	54.5	69.0	66.4	64.9	60.1	60.8	10.7	5.7	6.6	57.9	56.7	56.9	63.6	66.2	65.8	11.8	5.4	6.4	56.2	62.7	61.6
Jan-May06	65.4	71.3	70.3	8.0	3.7	4.4	60.2	68.7	67.3	67.1	59.9	61.0	7.5	4.6	5.1	62.1	57.1	57.9	66.3	65.5	65.6	7.7	4.1	4.7	61.2	62.8	62.5

NOTE: due to relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada

6 B... Employment by Full-Time/Part-Time Status

	Men				Women				Total			
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Part-time as % of Total
1996	887.4	108.8	996.1	10.9	563.4	256.8	820.3	31.3	1,450.8	365.6	1,816.4	20.1
1997	893.5	113.9	1,007.4	11.3	580.2	272.8	853.0	32.0	1,473.7	386.7	1,860.5	20.8
1998	870.1	123.9	994.0	12.5	590.2	274.2	864.4	31.7	1,460.3	398.0	1,858.4	21.4
1999	882.5	129.0	1,011.5	12.8	606.1	276.8	882.9	31.4	1,488.6	405.8	1,894.4	21.4
2000	914.1	117.2	1,031.3	11.4	619.2	280.8	900.0	31.2	1,533.3	398.0	1,931.3	20.6
2001	896.7	123.4	1,020.1	12.1	620.9	280.5	901.4	31.1	1,517.6	404.0	1,921.6	21.0
2002	891.8	145.9	1,037.7	14.1	624.6	302.8	927.3	32.7	1,516.4	448.7	1,965.0	22.8
2003	929.7	136.1	1,065.8	12.8	635.2	313.6	948.9	33.0	1,564.9	449.7	2,014.7	22.3
2004	960.1	131.0	1,091.2	12.0	670.7	300.9	971.5	31.0	1,630.8	431.9	2,062.7	20.9
2005	1,000.8	129.7	1,130.5	11.5	693.0	307.0	1,000.0	30.7	1,693.9	436.7	2,130.5	20.5
	seasonally adjusted											
2005 Jan	1,002.2	115.9	1,118.1	10.4	685.5	298.8	984.3	30.4	1,687.7	414.7	2,102.4	19.7
Feb	992.0	122.9	1,114.9	11.0	683.1	305.1	988.2	30.9	1,675.1	428.0	2,103.1	20.4
Mar	985.5	129.9	1,115.4	11.6	686.6	302.5	989.1	30.6	1,672.1	432.4	2,104.5	20.5
Apr	999.7	121.9	1,121.7	10.9	682.3	313.0	995.3	31.4	1,682.0	435.0	2,116.9	20.5
May	1,009.7	123.8	1,133.4	10.9	692.5	304.8	997.3	30.6	1,702.2	428.5	2,130.7	20.1
Jun	985.7	143.6	1,129.3	12.7	685.2	309.2	994.5	31.1	1,670.9	452.9	2,123.8	21.3
Jul	995.9	132.7	1,128.6	11.8	702.7	297.4	1,000.2	29.7	1,698.6	430.1	2,128.8	20.2
Aug	990.1	136.9	1,127.0	12.1	699.1	310.9	1,010.0	30.8	1,689.2	447.8	2,137.0	21.0
Sep	997.4	134.8	1,132.2	11.9	691.9	308.2	1,000.1	30.8	1,689.4	443.0	2,132.4	20.8
Oct	1,006.7	133.1	1,139.8	11.7	694.6	314.3	1,008.9	31.2	1,701.3	447.4	2,148.7	20.8
Nov	1,018.1	132.3	1,150.4	11.5	708.0	310.6	1,018.6	30.5	1,726.1	442.9	2,169.0	20.4
Dec	1,027.5	126.5	1,154.0	11.0	702.1	311.0	1,013.1	30.7	1,729.6	437.5	2,167.1	20.2
2006 Jan	1,018.7	126.5	1,145.2	11.0	717.8	303.9	1,021.7	29.7	1,736.5	430.4	2,166.9	19.9
Feb	1,004.1	150.3	1,154.5	13.0	709.3	312.2	1,021.5	30.6	1,713.4	462.5	2,175.9	21.3
Mar	1,016.0	146.3	1,162.3	12.6	714.3	312.4	1,026.7	30.4	1,730.3	458.7	2,189.0	21.0
Apr	1,019.9	141.1	1,161.0	12.2	726.7	305.2	1,031.9	29.6	1,746.6	446.3	2,192.8	20.4
May	1,019.6	137.5	1,157.1	11.9	730.1	306.4	1,036.5	29.6	1,749.6	444.0	2,193.6	20.2
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov												
Dec												
Average:												
Jan-May05	997.8	122.9	1,120.7	11.0	686.0	304.8	990.8	30.8	1,683.8	427.7	2,111.5	20.3
Jan-May06	1,015.7	140.3	1,156.0	12.1	719.6	308.0	1,027.7	30.0	1,735.3	448.4	2,183.6	20.5
% Change	1.8	14.2	3.2		4.9	1.0	3.7		3.1	4.8	3.4	

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Source: Statistics Canada

7a BC Employment by Industry

	All Industries		Total Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Other Primary		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg	Emp ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		408.2		30.7		55.1		10.3		192.8		119.3	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	417.3	2.2	34.0	10.7	54.0	-2.0	9.9	-3.9	196.2	1.8	123.1	3.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	408.5	-2.1	33.0	-2.9	51.3	-5.0	11.1	12.1	195.9	-0.2	117.2	-4.8
1999	1,894.4	1.9	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	48.5	-5.5	11.1	0.0	191.8	-2.1	114.3	-2.5
2000	1,931.3	1.9	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	52.7	8.7	10.3	-7.2	202.5	5.6	111.1	-2.8
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	40.7	-22.8	10.5	1.9	194.9	-3.8	110.7	-0.4
2002	1,965.0	2.3	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	37.6	-7.6	11	4.8	196.6	0.9	118.1	6.7
2003	2,014.7	2.5	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	45.5	21.0	11.3	2.7	206.6	5.2	119.8	1.4
2004	2,062.7	2.4	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	35.6	-21.8	9.2	-18.6	211.2	2.1	144.0	20.2
2005	2,130.5	3.3	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	37.5	5.3	10.3	12.0	198.2	-6.2	168.0	16.7
	seasonally adjusted													
2005 Jan	2,102.4		458.9		39.6		37.5		8.1		209.4		164.3	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	460.6	0.4	40.4	2.0	38.7	3.2	9.5	17.3	206.7	-1.3	165.5	0.7
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	449.2	-2.5	39.5	-2.2	36.1	-6.7	10.2	7.4	199.5	-3.5	164.0	-0.9
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	455.5	1.4	40.7	3.0	40.1	11.1	10.4	2.0	196.1	-1.7	168.3	2.6
May	2,130.7	0.7	452.0	-0.8	38.6	-5.2	41.4	3.2	12.9	24.0	194.3	-0.9	164.9	-2.0
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	450.4	-0.4	39.2	1.6	40.5	-2.2	13.3	3.1	191.4	-1.5	166.0	0.7
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	458.4	1.8	42.6	8.7	35.3	-12.8	13.0	-2.3	199.6	4.3	167.9	1.1
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	447.6	-2.4	37.9	-11.0	37.1	5.1	11.2	-13.8	192.6	-3.5	168.8	0.5
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	443.6	-0.9	35.6	-6.1	35.8	-3.5	10.3	-8.0	195.5	1.5	166.3	-1.5
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	443.2	-0.1	36.7	3.1	37.0	3.4	9.7	-5.8	192.7	-1.4	167.1	0.5
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	457.3	3.2	34.3	-6.5	35.0	-5.4	8.2	-15.5	207.1	7.5	172.7	3.4
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	457.0	-0.1	39.6	15.5	36.4	4.0	7.3	-11.0	193.4	-6.6	180.4	4.5
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	443.2	-3.0	34.2	-13.6	40.6	11.5	8.6	17.8	191.4	-1.0	168.3	-6.7
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	460.8	4.0	36.0	5.3	39.2	-3.4	8.0	-7.0	204.3	6.7	173.3	3.0
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	467.7	1.5	36.4	1.1	39.8	1.5	7.2	-10.0	207.1	1.4	177.2	2.3
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	459.9	-1.7	35.8	-1.6	39.0	-2.0	6.6	-8.3	201.0	-2.9	177.4	0.1
May	2,193.6	0.0	459.9	0.0	36.0	0.6	40.2	3.1	8.1	22.7	201.6	0.3	174.1	-1.9
Jun														
Jul														
Aug														
Sep														
Oct														
Nov														
Dec														
Average:														
Jan-May05	2,111.5		455.2		39.8		38.8		10.2		201.2		165.4	
Jan-May06	2,183.6		458.3		35.7		39.8		7.7		201.1		174.1	
% Change	3.4		0.7		-10.3		2.6		-24.7		-0.1		5.2	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

7b BC Employment by Industry

	Total Service Producing Industries		Transport and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Community and Personal Service								Public Administration	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health & Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Other Service	
	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg	Emp. ('000)	% Chg
1996	1,406.2		100.3		291.2		124.0		108.2		118.4		183.3		140.8		235.9		106.1	
1997	1,443.2	2.5	108.0	7.7	297.7	2.2	127.7	3.0	112.1	3.6	120.3	1.6	191.3	4.4	142.2	1.0	243.2	3.1	100.7	-5.1
1998	1,449.9	0.5	105.6	-2.2	289.7	-2.7	122.3	-4.2	122.8	9.5	118.3	-1.7	197.4	3.2	146.8	3.2	253.2	4.1	93.8	-6.9
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	135.8	10.6	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	260.8	3.0	92.5	-1.4
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	135.8	0.0	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	268.4	2.9	92.4	-0.1
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	139.2	2.5	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	275.1	2.5	89.5	-3.1
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	136.1	-2.2	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	274.1	-0.4	88.1	-1.6
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	139.3	2.4	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	281.2	2.6	93.0	5.6
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	146.3	5.0	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	290.4	3.3	97.2	4.5
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	163.6	11.8	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	293.6	1.1	95.1	-2.2
	seasonally adjusted																			
2005 Jan	1,643.5		114.9		321.4		128.3		155.9		139.1		220.4		177.1		292.7		93.8	
Feb	1,642.5	-0.1	113.5	-1.2	322.2	0.2	130.9	2.0	161.7	3.7	143.3	3.0	218.9	-0.7	166.8	-5.8	291.1	-0.5	93.9	0.1
Mar	1,655.3	0.8	114.2	0.6	328.0	1.8	137.3	4.9	163.1	0.9	143.5	0.1	216.4	-1.1	166.0	-0.5	292.1	0.3	94.8	1.0
Apr	1,661.4	0.4	110.7	-3.1	323.2	-1.5	131.7	-4.1	167.2	2.5	149.2	4.0	213.7	-1.2	178.5	7.5	292.1	0.0	95.3	0.5
May	1,678.7	1.0	119.0	7.5	329.1	1.8	134.9	2.4	167.3	0.1	149.2	0.0	208.3	-2.5	177.2	-0.7	290.7	-0.5	103.1	8.2
Jun	1,673.4	-0.3	118.1	-0.8	321.4	-2.3	139.8	3.6	171.5	2.5	151.4	1.5	209.7	0.7	173.3	-2.2	292.0	0.4	96.3	-6.6
Jul	1,670.4	-0.2	124.0	5.0	323.4	0.6	135.6	-3.0	163.8	-4.5	153.9	1.7	211.9	1.0	179.5	3.6	283.3	-3.0	95.1	-1.2
Aug	1,689.4	1.1	122.9	-0.9	338.4	4.6	137.0	1.0	164.3	0.3	149.5	-2.9	220.2	3.9	174.3	-2.9	286.6	1.2	96.2	1.2
Sep	1,688.8	0.0	124.9	1.6	342.4	1.2	127.4	-7.0	158.1	-3.8	148.3	-0.8	220.7	0.2	177.4	1.8	294.7	2.8	94.9	-1.4
Oct	1,705.5	1.0	121.6	-2.6	359.8	5.1	129.2	1.4	159.6	0.9	139.9	-5.7	225.1	2.0	178.9	0.8	298.6	1.3	92.8	-2.2
Nov	1,711.7	0.4	120.8	-0.7	353.1	-1.9	131.9	2.1	166.6	4.4	142.0	1.5	225.7	0.3	178.6	-0.2	301.8	1.1	91.2	-1.7
Dec	1,710.0	-0.1	118.4	-2.0	351.4	-0.5	131.1	-0.6	164.5	-1.3	146.1	2.9	218.2	-3.3	181.4	1.6	305.1	1.1	93.8	2.9
2006 Jan	1,723.7	0.8	124.2	4.9	352.0	0.2	128.0	-2.4	166.5	1.2	152.0	4.0	210.6	-3.5	180.3	-0.6	312.7	2.5	97.4	3.8
Feb	1,715.2	-0.5	128.7	3.6	361.1	2.6	129.4	1.1	171.6	3.1	150.2	-1.2	213.2	1.2	174.8	-3.1	292.4	-6.5	93.6	-3.9
Mar	1,721.3	0.4	126.1	-2.0	358.9	-0.6	132.7	2.6	166.1	-3.2	153.1	1.9	224.3	5.2	161.8	-7.4	304.0	4.0	94.3	0.7
Apr	1,733.0	0.7	123.8	-1.8	365.3	1.8	129.5	-2.4	171.4	3.2	152.4	-0.5	224.1	-0.1	166.8	3.1	305.0	0.3	94.8	0.5
May	1,733.7	0.0	122.2	-1.3	364.5	-0.2	132.3	2.2	168	-2.0	151.4	-0.7	237.3	5.9	167.1	0.2	298.6	-2.1	92.2	-2.7
Jun																				
Jul																				
Aug																				
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Nov																				
Dec																				
Average:																				
Jan-May05	1,656.3		114.5		324.8		132.6		163.0		144.9		215.5		173.1		291.7		96.2	
Jan-May06	1,725.4		125.0		360.4		130.4		168.7		151.8		221.9		170.2		302.5		94.5	
% Change	4.2		9.2		11.0		-1.7		3.5		4.8		3.0		-1.7		3.7		-1.8	

NOTE: Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over previous month.

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Source: Statistics Canada

8 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Occupation, Actual

	Management		Business Finance & Admin.		Natural & Applied Sciences		Health		Social Scl. Education Govt Service & Religion		Art Culture Recreation & Sport		Sales & Service		Trades Transport & Equipment Operators		Occupations Unique to Primary		Occupations Unique to Processing, Mfg & Utilities		All Occupations	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1996	186.0	3.3	327.0	3.7	98.5	4.0	91.1	2.3	143.9	3.1	56.8	5.3	460.6	7.2	297.1	9.1	71.9	14.5	83.5	8.4	1,816.4	8.7
1997	180.0	2.9	339.9	3.7	103.1	3.3	97.9	1.8	141.8	3.4	56.3	6.5	477.7	5.8	311.6	7.1	68.9	15.5	83.3	8.3	1,860.5	8.4
1998	192.8	2.6	340.5	3.2	108.3	4.4	100.0	1.5	138.6	4.1	57.6	5.4	478.9	6.5	288.8	9.3	68.8	16.1	84.1	8.5	1,858.4	8.8
1999	195.6	2.4	344.7	3.4	124.1	3.4	97.7	1.7	143.1	2.7	66.6	4.0	485.5	6.8	287.6	8.1	64.1	14.6	85.3	6.8	1,894.4	8.3
2000	200.3	1.8	336.0	3.2	124.0	2.4	104.5	0.6	151.3	3.1	61.5	4.8	501.0	5.5	286.3	7.6	70.4	13.5	95.9	6.1	1,931.3	7.1
2001	171.6	2.6	340.2	4.1	118.5	4.7	102.3	1.8	149.0	3.2	59.8	5.7	537.4	5.5	285.9	7.7	61.4	13.5	95.6	8.8	1,921.6	7.7
2002	173.7	2.8	333.5	4.2	118.0	5.1	113.7	2.0	161.7	2.9	64.8	6.5	557.6	6.0	284.9	7.9	60.9	14.9	96.3	8.9	1,965.0	8.5
2003	182.1	1.9	351.5	4.1	126.6	6.1	117.2	1.8	162.5	3.2	67.0	6.6	540.4	6.2	297.3	7.1	72.9	12.5	97.3	6.8	2,014.7	8.0
2004	192.9	2.6	353.1	3.8	120.6	5.0	119.1	1.6	155.6	3.9	73.3	5.2	556.2	5.9	319.5	5.9	69.6	10.9	102.6	7.0	2,062.7	7.2
2005	193.0	2.3	383.0	2.9	136.1	3.0	118.6	1.2	172.4	2.5	71.3	4.8	558.0	4.7	330.8	4.5	71.3	9.5	96.1	6.1	2,130.5	5.9
2005 Jan	184.5	2.5	375.6	3.0	129.2	3.5	124.2	1.5	159.2	2.6	64.8	7.7	543.4	6.7	311.8	8.4	59.5	15.6	105.8	4.9	2,058.0	7.2
Feb	186.8	2.5	379.5	2.8	126.7	5.0	122.4	1.1	166.8	3.1	58.4	2.0	546.4	7.0	320.1	6.8	62.7	14.9	100.0	7.0	2,069.8	7.6
Mar	177.6	2.8	385.4	2.4	125.3	2.2	111.4	1.2	176.3	3.3	66.2	2.5	551.6	6.1	325.0	6.0	64.6	11.1	97.1	7.9	2,080.6	6.7
Apr	190.2	2.6	375.6	3.3	139.5	1.7	110.0	1.5	172.3	2.5	65.8	1.9	552.9	4.5	322.8	5.5	69.0	10.7	94.4	8.9	2,092.4	6.2
May	183.4	2.9	401.0	3.5	139.3	3.7	104.6	0.9	180.4	1.3	65.8	5.7	558.1	4.3	332.8	3.9	76.9	9.4	96.0	5.6	2,138.3	6.0
Jun	176.7	2.5	391.2	3.7	142.4	3.7	115.7	1.7	182.4	0.7	78.3	4.6	556.5	3.2	342.6	3.4	83.4	6.8	90.1	9.0	2,159.2	5.5
Jul	187.1	2.9	394.2	3.3	142.9	2.3	119.0	0.4	161.2	4.0	69.0	8.6	556.2	4.6	349.1	3.2	84.9	5.8	97.9	6.8	2,161.4	6.3
Aug	189.7	1.4	390.8	4.1	144.8	2.0	122.9	0.8	163.1	5.7	69.0	7.8	562.3	5.3	344.8	3.6	83.1	7.3	96.2	4.1	2,166.7	6.3
Sep	193.2	2.6	384.2	2.0	139.3	2.3	129.2	1.0	172.4	2.1	70.0	4.9	559.3	3.7	329.0	3.4	73.0	9.3	93.0	5.3	2,142.7	5.1
Oct	207.4	2.4	377.2	2.6	126.0	3.0	124.8	1.3	179.6	1.4	81.3	4.7	571.5	3.4	325.3	3.6	77.0	6.0	90.8	4.9	2,160.9	4.6
Nov	220.9	1.4	366.1	2.9	136.3	3.8	126.8	1.4	175.3	1.6	84.1	3.3	567.2	4.0	333.8	2.8	59.5	10.1	97.9	2.9	2,168.0	4.5
Dec	218.2	1.3	374.7	1.8	141.7	2.3	112.4	1.1	179.5	2.3	83.2	2.9	570.3	3.3	332.6	3.8	61.8	10.2	94.2	5.2	2,168.6	4.4
2006 Jan	205.8	2.0	374.7	2.8	150.6	2.5	112.6	2.0	175.6	1.1	77.9	4.9	563.0	4.3	322.9	6.0	56.5	14.1	82.8	7.9	2,122.5	5.8
Feb	214.0	1.7	375.9	2.3	152.6	2.4	116.6	1.5	175.2	2.3	79.2	2.3	543.7	4.2	331.7	5.0	62.8	10.9	90.1	6.7	2,141.7	5.2
Mar	211.7	1.6	369.1	2.7	146.5	2.6	110.2	1.3	183.3	2.7	82.4	3.3	549.3	3.4	347.7	3.7	68.9	7.6	95.9	2.9	2,164.9	4.5
Apr	204.6	0.9	372.3	2.7	157.0	1.1	113.8	1.7	172.9	1.9	75.7	2.4	560.2	3.5	346.1	4.0	74.1	7.6	92.3	3.0	2,169.1	4.6
May	203.8	1.3	375.9	2.9	155.2	2.9	127.0	1.4	180.2	2.2	79.2	2.2	560.2	3.4	345.2	4.6	77.5	9.6	98.6	2.2	2,202.6	4.9
Jun																						
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Average:																						
Jan-May05	184.5	2.7	383.4	3.0	132.0	3.2	114.5	1.3	171.0	2.6	64.2	4.0	550.5	5.7	322.5	6.1	66.5	12.4	98.7	6.8	2,087.8	6.7
Jan-May06	208.0	1.5	373.6	2.7	152.4	2.3	116.0	1.6	177.4	2.0	78.9	3.0	555.3	3.8	336.7	4.6	68.0	10.0	91.9	4.6	2,160.2	5.0
% Change	12.7		-2.6		15.4		1.3		3.8		22.9		0.9		5.0		2.1		-6.8		3.5	

NOTES: 1. Occupation specific Unemployment Rates include only those unemployed who worked in the past year. The "All Occupations" rate incorporates total unemployed persons which includes an "Occupation Unclassified" category.

2. Due to the relatively small sample sizes from which disaggregated data are derived, caution should be used in the interpretation of month-to-month changes in the estimates.

Produced by: BC STATS ***Source: Statistics Canada***

9 BC Employment and Unemployment Rate by Region and Metropolitan Area

	British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria		Abbotsford		Development Regions: Vancouver Island/ Coast		Mainland/ Southwest		Thompson-Okanagan		Kootenay		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1996	1,816.4	8.7	946.5	7.9	142.7	8.6	62.7	11.4	308.7	9.4	1071.4	8.2	200.3	10.5	65.8	8.7	86.2	8.6	51.7	7.5	32.3	7.2
1997	1,860.5	8.4	966.4	8.2	149.8	7.6	68.2	8.0	322.0	8.7	1098.9	8.2	206.1	8.3	65.3	9.3	83.3	9.8	51.8	9.0	33.1	4.6
1998	1,858.4	8.8	970.8	8.0	147.2	8.7	66.9	10.1	315.5	9.7	1103.9	8.1	207.4	8.2	70.0	12.0	82.7	14.5	47.3	9.7	31.6	NA
1999	1,894.4	8.3	996.0	7.7	155.3	6.6	66.9	7.6	330.0	7.9	1130.1	7.7	206.1	9.6	69.4	9.3	81.4	11.6	46.7	8.8	30.7	8.9
2000	1,931.3	7.1	1,032.1	5.8	155.3	6.7	68.3	7.5	327.4	7.8	1164.6	6.1	210.3	9.3	70.8	10.0	79.1	9.9	47.3	10.2	31.8	5.9
2001	1,921.6	7.7	1,039.1	6.6	150.8	6.3	71.4	6.7	307.3	9.2	1175.0	6.7	210.2	9.3	70.4	9.7	79.4	9.7	46.6	11.2	32.5	6.1
2002	1,965.0	8.5	1,072.1	7.7	155.7	7.0	75.2	7.5	317.4	8.7	1,216.7	7.7	208.1	9.4	66.6	10.0	78.0	12.7	44.9	12.6	33.2	9.0
2003	2,014.7	8.0	1,103.5	7.3	158.7	6.2	74.9	7.5	319.1	8.6	1,251.4	7.3	218.8	8.8	67.4	11.5	78.2	11.1	44.8	11.3	34.9	6.4
2004	2,062.7	7.2	1,127.5	6.7	162.0	5.3	78.5	6.4	334.2	7.9	1,275.3	6.7	229.7	6.6	67.1	9.2	80.7	9.1	42.4	11.6	33.3	5.4
2005	2,130.5	5.9	1,155.7	5.7	169.3	4.5	78.3	5.5	350.0	6.3	1,307.3	5.7	244.0	5.3	69.2	6.1	80.1	7.4	45.7	8.1	34.3	4.7
	3- month moving average, actual, ending in:																					
2005 Jan	2,075.5	6.3	1,136.1	6.0	162.2	5.1	75.3	6.9	335.8	7.0	1,275.2	6.0	233.9	5.7	71.5	7.8	81.3	6.9	44.5	9.6	33.4	4.9
Feb	2,073.8	6.8	1,141.0	6.3	162.6	5.3	74.2	7.1	334.8	7.8	1,278.7	6.3	233.1	6.7	68.9	8.7	80.1	8.1	43.9	10.0	34.5	4.4
Mar	2,069.4	7.2	1,142.3	6.7	163.0	5.6	75.8	6.4	331.3	8.6	1,284.1	6.6	229.9	6.6	68.0	7.9	77.8	9.8	43.3	11.5	35.0	4.9
Apr	2,080.9	6.8	1,146.1	6.3	165.6	4.9	76.7	5.9	334.6	7.9	1,292.3	6.3	229.8	6.3	68.8	8.1	76.1	10.5	43.9	10.2	35.5	4.1
May	2,103.8	6.3	1,151.6	6.1	169.0	4.1	77.5	5.8	341.7	6.5	1,301.8	6.1	234.3	5.7	69.5	6.3	76.0	9.5	45.1	8.7	35.4	5.6
Jun	2,130.0	5.9	1,156.8	6.0	171.3	3.5	77.7	5.8	351.5	5.2	1,308.8	5.9	240.9	5.5	70.0	5.1	76.7	9.6	46.7	7.2	35.3	5.4
Jul	2,153.0	5.9	1,161.3	6.3	172.9	3.6	78.7	5.7	357.4	5.4	1,315.9	6.2	246.8	5.2	70.0	4.0	79.4	7.6	48.3	6.8	35.2	5.1
Aug	2,162.4	6.0	1,160.2	6.5	173.6	4.1	79.1	4.9	361.8	5.7	1,316.5	6.3	248.9	5.3	70.4	5.2	80.3	7.0	50.0	5.7	34.6	4.4
Sep	2,156.9	5.9	1,154.4	6.2	173.2	4.7	79.1	5.3	359.8	6.4	1,310.8	6.1	252.5	4.9	70.3	6.3	81.0	5.4	49.3	5.7	33.3	4.3
Oct	2,156.8	5.4	1,152.1	5.4	173.4	4.7	79.3	4.8	360.9	5.9	1,308.1	5.3	254.5	4.9	71.1	5.7	81.8	5.1	47.6	6.1	32.7	4.4
Nov	2,157.2	4.8	1,160.8	4.5	171.2	4.4	80.1	5.2	356.5	5.7	1,316.8	4.5	252.4	4.4	70.8	5.2	83.4	4.8	45.2	6.8	32.1	4.5
Dec	2,165.9	4.5	1,169.5	4.1	169.4	4.0	80.7	4.9	357.4	5.3	1,325.6	4.2	252.6	4.1	68.4	5.4	84.9	4.8	43.5	7.6	33.5	NA
2006 Jan	2,153.1	4.9	1,163.0	4.5	167.0	4.0	81.1	5.5	356.0	5.4	1,318.7	4.6	250.3	4.1	66.8	6.4	84.7	5.8	42.4	9.4	34.2	NA
Feb	2,144.3	5.1	1,152.3	4.8	168.0	3.8	81.2	5.0	360.9	5.3	1,307.2	4.8	249.7	5.0	65.9	7.2	84.1	5.8	41.8	9.7	34.7	NA
Mar	2,143.1	5.2	1,149.3	4.8	170.5	3.8	81.4	4.9	364.1	5.3	1,304.2	4.9	249.1	5.5	66.3	6.5	83.5	6.1	41.7	9.1	34.1	NA
Apr	2,158.6	4.8	1,163.7	4.3	173.7	3.5	80.5	4.6	366.9	4.9	1,318.2	4.3	248.6	6.0	66.7	5.7	82.9	5.9	42.1	7.7	33.2	NA
May	2,178.9	4.7	1,178.8	4.2	174.6	4.1	79.7	5.7	368.2	5.1	1,333.3	4.2	252.0	5.3	66.8	4.7	82.3	6.9	43.5	6.4	32.7	NA
Jun																						
Jul																						
Aug																						
Sep																						
Oct																						
Nov																						
Dec																						
Average:	year-to-date averages are based on monthy actual data																					
Jan-May05	2,087.8	6.7	1,146.0	6.4	166.0	4.9	76.4	6.4	337.4	7.4	1,291.4	6.4	233.8	6.2	68.7	7.0	77.0	9.8	44.2	9.8	35.1	NA
Jan-May06	2,160.2	5.0	1,163.4	4.6	172.3	4.0	80.5	5.4	366.0	5.2	1,318.1	4.7	250.1	5.4	66.9	5.8	82.9	6.7	42.9	7.8	33.4	NA
% Change	3.5		1.5		3.8		5.4		8.5		2.1		6.9		-2.6		7.6		-3.1		-5.0	

NOTE: Geographic boundaries changed on January 1, 2005.

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10 BC Employment by Class of Worker

	Total Employment		Employees						Self-Employed	
			Total		Public		Private			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1996	1,816.4		1,489.5		332.1		1,157.4		326.9	
1997	1,860.5	2.4	1,500.4	0.7	336.2	1.2	1,164.2	0.6	360.1	10.2
1998	1,858.4	-0.1	1,474.6	-1.7	333.7	-0.7	1,140.8	-2.0	383.8	6.6
1999	1,894.4	1.9	1,512.9	2.6	345.9	3.7	1,167.1	2.3	381.4	-0.6
2000	1,931.3	1.9	1,574.7	4.1	358.9	3.8	1,215.9	4.2	356.6	-6.5
2001	1,921.6	-0.5	1,570.1	-0.3	350.8	-2.3	1,219.3	0.3	351.4	-1.5
2002	1,965.0	2.3	1,601.7	2.0	353.6	0.8	1,248.1	2.4	363.3	3.4
2003	2,014.7	2.5	1,638.4	2.3	360.5	2.0	1,277.9	2.4	376.3	3.6
2004	2,062.7	2.4	1,671.3	2.0	366.6	1.7	1,304.7	2.1	391.4	4.0
2005	2,130.5	3.3	1,714.8	2.6	369.8	0.9	1,345.0	3.1	415.8	6.2
	seasonally adjusted									
2005 Jan	2,102.4		1,697.9		367.2		1,330.7		404.5	
Feb	2,103.1	0.0	1,694.3	-0.2	370.2	0.8	1,324.2	-0.5	408.8	1.1
Mar	2,104.5	0.1	1,689.6	-0.3	355.5	-4.0	1,334.0	0.7	414.9	1.5
Apr	2,116.9	0.6	1,702.7	0.8	365.5	2.8	1,337.2	0.2	414.2	-0.2
May	2,130.7	0.7	1,736.3	2.0	376.7	3.1	1,359.6	1.7	394.5	-4.8
Jun	2,123.8	-0.3	1,717.8	-1.1	379.7	0.8	1,338.0	-1.6	406.0	2.9
Jul	2,128.8	0.2	1,708.9	-0.5	376.9	-0.7	1,332.0	-0.4	419.9	3.4
Aug	2,137.0	0.4	1,718.8	0.6	373.8	-0.8	1,345.0	1.0	418.1	-0.4
Sep	2,132.4	-0.2	1,713.0	-0.3	368.8	-1.3	1,344.2	-0.1	419.3	0.3
Oct	2,148.7	0.8	1,715.4	0.1	367.7	-0.3	1,347.7	0.3	433.3	3.3
Nov	2,169.0	0.9	1,743.9	1.7	367.2	-0.1	1,376.7	2.2	425.1	-1.9
Dec	2,167.1	-0.1	1,736.6	-0.4	368.8	0.4	1,367.8	-0.6	430.5	1.3
2006 Jan	2,166.9	0.0	1,756.3	1.1	382.3	3.7	1,374.0	0.5	410.7	-4.6
Feb	2,175.9	0.4	1,767.1	0.6	372.8	-2.5	1,394.3	1.5	408.9	-0.4
Mar	2,189.0	0.6	1,772.5	0.3	382.1	2.5	1,390.5	-0.3	416.5	1.9
Apr	2,192.8	0.2	1,787.9	0.9	384.8	0.7	1,403.1	0.9	405.0	-2.8
May	2,193.6	0.0	1,794.4	0.4	388.2	0.9	1,406.2	0.2	399.2	-1.4
Jun										
Jul										
Aug										
Sep										
Oct										
Nov										
Dec										
Average:										
Jan-May05	2,111.5		1,704.2		367.0		1,337.1		407.4	
Jan-May06	2,183.6		1,775.6		382.0		1,393.6		408.1	
% Change	3.4		4.2		4.1		4.2		0.2	

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Labour Force Statistics

This report is based on statistics from the Labour Force Survey produced monthly by Statistics Canada. Questions and comments should be directed to Anne Kittredge at (250)387-0374 or Anne.Kittredge@gems6.gov.bc.ca.

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Reference Week

Monthly estimates of employment, unemployment, and persons not in the labour force refer to the specific week covered by the survey each month, normally the week containing the 15th day.

Labour Force

The labour force is composed of those members of the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the reference week, were employed or unemployed.

Employed

Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) did any work at all, or (b) had a job but were not at work due to own illness or disability, personal or family responsibilities, bad weather, labour dispute, vacation, or other reason not specified above (excluding persons whose job attachment was to a job to start at a definite date in the future).

Unemployment

Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, either: (a) were without work, had actively looked for work in the past four weeks (ending with the reference week), and were available for work; or (b) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had been on layoff and were available for work; or (c) had not actively looked for work in the past four weeks but had a new job to start in four weeks or less from the reference week, and were available for work.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number of unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

Participation Rate

The participation rate represents the labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The participation rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the labour force for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Employment Rate

The employment rate(employment/population ratio) is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. The employment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the employment for that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

Rounding

Estimates published by the Labour Force Survey are rounded to the nearest thousand but all derived values (totals, averages, rates, ratios, percent changes, etc.) are calculated from unrounded figures. Therefore, the sum of the individual rounded items may not equal the total. Unadjusted estimates rounded to hundreds are available from BC STATS on request.

Seasonal Adjustment

Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods, and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

Source: Extracted from Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Definitions and Explanations